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UM NAMES TASK FORCES TO ADDRESS STUDENTS' CONCERNS

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana has named three new task forces to address various campus concerns, such as AIDS or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, and the University's association with its fraternities and sororities.

The AIDS Task Force will study the issue of AIDS on campus to determine whether UM and the Montana University System should adopt any new policies.

"It may turn out that we don't need any new legal policies for the University and the whole university system," says James Ranney, co-chair of the AIDS task force and UM's legal counsel. "But there might be all kinds of internal operating procedures that we'll choose to adopt."

Barbara Hollmann, dean of students, is co-chair of the panel, which also includes the directors of the Student Health Service, Residence Halls, Lodge Food Service, News and Publications on campus, as well as the director of Health Education for Missoula's City-County Health Department. A student, professor of zoology, and campus personnel specialist will also serve on the task force.

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The 10-member panel's first meeting will be in mid-January.

A separate Alcohol and Drug Task Force is exploring the extent of the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs on campus. Richard O. Shields, associate professor of social work, is chairman of the committee that will report its findings to Hollmann with recommendations for educational and preventive programs and services for students.

The Greek Task Force will assess and make recommendations about the relationship between the University and local fraternities and sororities. Panhellenic Advisor Marci Quist and Interfraternity Council Advisor Grant Davidson are co-coordinators for the task force, which is made up of students, alumni and University staff.

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